

BOARD OF FINANCE

February 25, 2009

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Finance held at 6:30 P.M., on Wednesday, February 25, 2009.

Members Present: First Selectman McCarty, Mr. Doheny, Mr. Volain, Mr. Hallahan, Ms. Brown, Mr. Monico, Mr. Piccirillo

Also Present: Assistant Director of Finance Edward J. Swinkoski

The following materials were either mailed to the members or distributed at this time.

1. Agenda – February 18, 2009
2. Minutes of Regular Meeting held on January 22, 2009
3. January 31, 2009
 - Report of Budget/Special Funds
 - Report of Revenue
 - Board of Education Accounting
4. Memo dated February 11, 2009, Pension Investment Statements
5. Memo dated January 29, 2009, Budget Narratives
6. Letter dated February 22, 2009 from Rodger A. Salman
7. Ordinance from City of New Haven to provide a property tax freeze or deferral for certain homeowners age seventy or over.
8. Board of Education Budget 2009-2010
9. 5%/10% Budget Reductions
10. Kaestle Boos Report dated February 23, 2009
11. Memo dated February 25, 2009, EMT Training Estimate

MINUTES

After a brief discussion of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 22, 2009, Mr. Doheny moved their acceptance, seconded by First Selectman McCarty.

VOTE:	Doheny - Yes	Volain - Yes	Hallahan - Yes
	Brown - Yes	Monico - Yes	McCarty – Yes
	Piccirillo- Abstain		

OLD BUSINESS

BUDGET FY 2009-2010

Mr. Volain stated that the budget process is moving along and that following tonight's meeting there will be budget workshops with the Police Department, Assessor, Tax Collector/Town Clerk and Registrars. The Board of Education and Fire workshops will be held on Saturday, February 28th.

OTHER

Mr. Doheny asked Mr. Swinkoski about bond closeouts. Mr. Swinkoski said that there are two bonds that he can close out – Public Safety Communication (\$10,766) and School Classrooms (\$625,000). He is checking with bond counsel on how to proceed.

NEW BUSINESSREPORT OF BUDGET, SPECIAL FUNDS, REVENUE AND BOARD OF EDUCATION
ACCOUNTING JANUARY 31, 2009

Mr. Swinkoski referred to these reports stating that tax collections at the end of January were 93.4%. Further discussion followed. These reports were accepted as presented.

OTHER

First Selectman McCarty distributed a report from Kaestle Boos Associates regarding the condition of the roof at the North Haven Memorial Library. The facility has a history of roof leaks since its opening in 2001. The roofer and the manufacturer are out of business and the statute of limitations for the architect has run out. The Town did retain \$95,000 from the contractor VASN. The roof is in dire need of repair and needs to be fixed immediately.

Mr. Piccirillo made a motion to amend the agenda to add a resolution regarding the library roof repairs.

Seconded by Mr. Doheny.

VOTE:	Doheny - Yes	Volain - Yes	Hallahan - Yes
	Brown - Yes	Piccirillo - Yes	Monico - Yes
	McCarty - Yes		

Mr. Volain then moved the following:

Resolved, that the North Haven Board of Finance recommends an appropriation not to exceed \$100,000 for the repair of the roof and related work on the North Haven Memorial Library. Said work as described in the report of Kaestle Boos Associates, Inc. dated February 23, 2009.

Mr. Piccirillo made a motion to amend the resolution to read:

Resolved, that the North Haven Board of Finance recommends an appropriation not to exceed \$100,000 from the unappropriated fund balance for the repair of the roof and related work on the North Haven Memorial Library. Said work as described in the report of Kaestle Boos Associates, Inc. dated February 23, 2009.

Seconded by First Selectman McCarty.

VOTE:	Doheny - Yes	Volain - Yes	Hallahan - Yes
	Brown - Yes	Piccirillo - Yes	Monico - Yes
	McCarty - Yes		

Mr. Volain read a letter from Mr. Rodger Salman dated February 22, 2009 regarding a tax freeze for Seniors into the record. First Selectman McCarty handed out a copy of the ordinance from the City of New Haven which Mr. Salman refers to in his letter.

First Selectman McCarty made a motion to amend the agenda to add a resolution regarding Tax Relief for the Elderly and Permanently Disabled.

Seconded by, Mr. Hallahan.

VOTE:	Doheny - Yes	Volain - Yes	Hallahan - Yes
	Brown - Yes	Piccirillo - Yes	Monico - Yes
	McCarty - Yes		

Mr. Volain said he would agree to a tax credit but not a freeze. He explained that a freeze is too permanent and that it is too much for the other taxpayers to absorb.

Mr. Doheny was in favor of the resolution and said he would like to help the Seniors in Town. He said we should continue to consider other programs for Seniors.

Mr. Hallahan then moved the following:

Resolved, that the North Haven Board of Finance recommends to the Board of Selectmen, to increase the property tax credit to eligible taxpayers, from \$300 to \$350, by amending Town Ordinance 184-18, Tax Relief for Elderly and Permanently Disabled.

Seconded by, Mr. Piccirillo.

VOTE:	Doheny - Yes	Volain - Yes	Hallahan - Yes
	Brown - Yes	Piccirillo - Yes	Monico - Yes
	McCarty - Yes		

Mr. Hallahan was pleased that the resolution passed and said he would like to work towards a tax freeze for Seniors. He said it was a step in the right direction.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Discussion followed for approximately ten minutes with a few residents asking questions and making recommendations/suggestions.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Volain moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM, seconded by First Selectman McCarty.

VOTE:	Doheny - Yes	Volain - Yes	Hallahan - Yes
	Brown - Yes	Piccirillo - Yes	Monico - Yes
	McCarty - Yes		